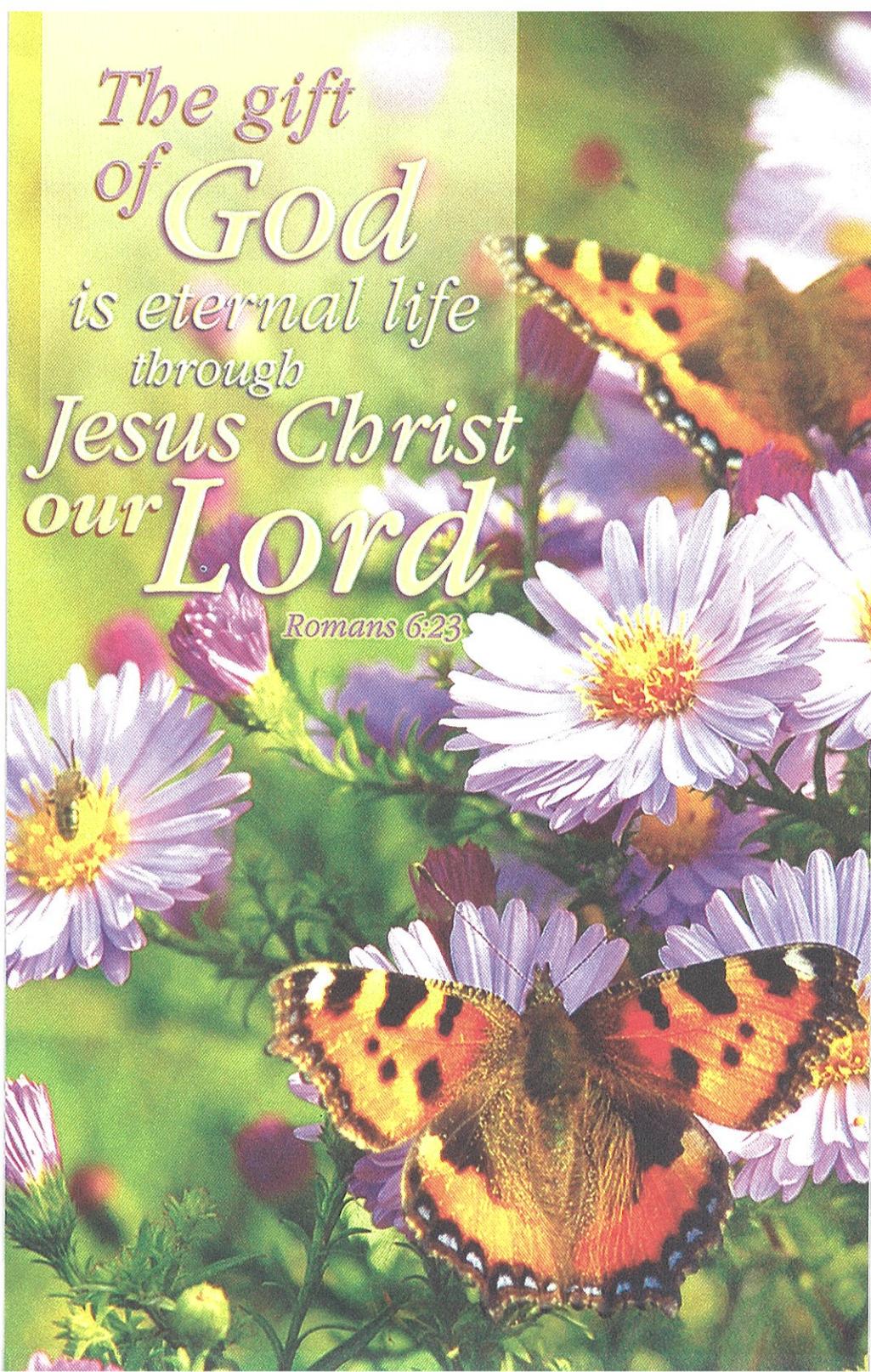


*The gift
of **God**
is eternal life
through
Jesus Christ
our **Lord***

Romans 6:23



A Service in Celebration of the Life of
Helen Mae Kleeman
March 21, 1929 + September 1, 2025

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Thanks be to God.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

Opening Song "Borning Cry" Blue #770
Greeting and Prayer of the Day
Remembering Helen
Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters;
He restores my soul and guides me along
right pathways for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;**

**You have anointed my head with oil
And my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Readings Psalm 139, Isaiah 25, Matthew 11
Sermon "Precious!"
Song "Beautiful Savior" Green #518
Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers Response: **Hear our prayer.**

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Guests are welcome at the Lord's Supper. You can request gluten-free wafers, or grape juice.

Closing Prayer

Sending Song "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" Green #352

Benediction

*For God so loved that world that he gave his only son, so that whoever believes in him might not perish, but have eternal life!
-John 3:16*

Helen was born to life, March 21, 1929 in Marinette to Albert H. & Ella (Peters) Behrens. As she came into the world, her mother passed away after childbirth. Helen was then lovingly raised by her grandparents, Albert & Edna Behrens.

Helen grew up in Marinette and graduated there in 1947. She worked at the family resort in Porterfield, before moving to Milwaukee in the early 1960's. There, she met the love of her life, Thomas Kleeman. The two were united in marriage on October 13, 1962 at St. Steven's Church in Milwaukee. She became the proud mom of Carol in 1963, and then the strong single mother she had to be after the death of her husband in 1976.

Helen loved animals, especially her dogs-Patches and Pepe-her constant companions. She enjoyed it when dogs came to visit at her assisted living facility, and would pet and hold them. Helen was gentle and kind, with a ready smile for everyone. She enjoyed sitting on her porch at her Milwaukee home, or on her little balcony at Charter, where she could wave to passersby.

Helen was born to eternal life on the morning of September 1. She is survived by her sister, Marlene (the late Don) Waugus, sister-in-law Doris (the late Carl) Splaine; nieces and nephews: Barbara (the late Tom) Kontny, Steven (Diane) Bannow, Jim Bannow, Susan (Cheri Noll) Kerr, Lynn (Jim) Anderson, Tim Behrens, Amy (Brion) Schaefer, Kelly Flanagan, Cynthia (Tim) Holiday, Stacy (John) Rost, Carl Jr. (Lindsey) Splaine, Tom (Jennifer) Splaine, cousin-in-law Kathleen (the late Daniel) Schreier, Danielle Schreier; great-nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, her son, her sister Jean (Loren) Bannow, her brother Albert P. (Mary) Behrens and nephew Gregg Waugus

For all that was good in her life, and for Jesus' promise "I am the resurrection and the life", we say *Thanks be to God!*

So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy! –John 16:22

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and lifts up those whose spirits are crushed. –Psalm 34:18

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